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## In Russia

# Dissident Baptists Seek To Register

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP) — Dissident Baptists in Russia are seeking to register their churches with the government, a Russian Baptist leader said in an interview here with European Baptist Press Service.

Arthur Mitzkevitch, associate general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians - Baptists, said here that if the dissenters do register, it will represent a turn-about from their previous refusal to follow government rules for religious bodies.

Mitzkevitch, an official of the major Baptist organization in Russia which follows government regulations concerning religion, was in Ruschlikon to attend a conference of national Baptist leaders from throughout Europe.

The issue of government registration has been a leading point of contention between dissident Baptists and the official Baptist group, reported European Baptist Press Service. The dissenters, sometimes known as the "initiatives," split off from the official group in 1961.

Dissenters have attacked the official Baptist movement for being "too subservient" to the government over registration and other religious

restrictions.

At the same conference one year ago, Mitzkevitch contrasted the two Baptist groups in Russia, saying that the only difference was "on methods and on attitudes toward the laws of our country concerning religious societies."

Following a meeting of the triennial congress of the All-Union Council last December, C. Ronald Goulding of London, secretary of the European Baptist Federation who was present, said that the congress welcomed back into fellowship a number of the dissenters.

Even officials of the recognized Baptist group in USSR have acknowledged that dissenters are suffering hardships, the report indicated.

A document recently distributed by a publication of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., called "Religion in Communist Dominated Areas," reported in detail alleged acts of persecution against dissident Baptists.

Dated November, 1969, the report was signed by the "First All-Union Conference of Relatives of Imprisoned Members of the Church of Evangelical Christians - Baptists."

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## June 21 Will Be 'Hospital Sunday'

Sunday, June 21 will be "Baptist Hospital Sunday" in the Mississippi Baptist Convention when the churches will be asked to emphasize the ministry of healing and take an offering for the current Mississippi Baptist Hospital campaign to raise \$2,000,000 toward the construction of a new 600-bed hospital.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said that the designating of hospital Sunday came as a result of action taken at a called meeting of the Board on Tuesday, April 30.

The meeting, presided over by Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, president, was held in the auditorium of the Gilfoy School of Nursing at the hospital in Jackson.

The meeting was requested by the trustees of the hospital for the purpose of acquainting the board with the current plans to construct a new 600-bed hospital facility diagonally across State Street from the present building at a total cost of \$25,000,000.

Dr. Hudgins said that the board ac-

tion in designating Baptist Hospital Sunday "was taken to suggest to the churches that they emphasize the ministry of healing on that date and give the people an opportunity to contribute to the current campaign of the hospital to raise \$2,000,000 toward the total cost of the new hospital."

After hearing details of the hospital's plans presented, the Board voted to designate a special Sunday as Baptist Hospital Sunday, the date to be determined and promotion prepared by the Board's executive committee. The executive committee met immediately after the Board meeting and set Sunday, June 21 as Hospital Sunday.

The plans for the new hospital were presented by T. Harvey Hedgepeth, of Jackson, chairman of the trustees of the hospital; Dr. Bill Causey of Jackson, member of trustees and Paul J. Pryor, administrator.

It was pointed out by the speakers that about \$1,000,000 of the goal had already been pledged, leaving a balance of \$1,000,000 to be sought not only in Jackson but throughout the state.

Of the \$1,000,000 already in sight, about one-half of this has been pledged by the hospital "family," including trustees, employees, administrative staff and doctors.

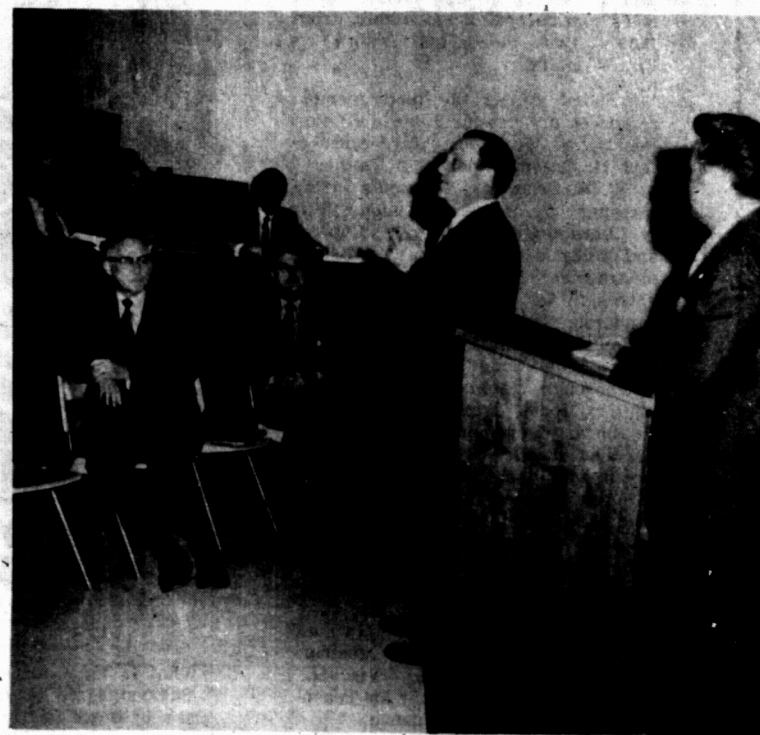
The other half has been solicited by the initial gifts committee from large donors, including many business people.

Dr. Hudgins announced that every employee of the Baptist Building in Jackson had made a contribution for the fund and turned in a check for the total amount.

Plans call for a \$25,000,000 structure of seven floors housing 600 beds and several special-care units.

The present 400-bed hospital will still be very much a part of the total complex envisioned, since it

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DR. BILL CAUSEY, of Jackson, member of the trustees of Baptist Hospital, (standing, at left) is seen telling the Convention Board members of the plans for the new hospital facility at a meeting of Convention Board. (At right, standing) is seen Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, Convention Board president, presiding. Seated at front can be seen T. Harvey Hedgepeth, of Jackson, hospital trustees chairman, (at left), and Paul J. Pryor, administrator.

## Evangelism Secretary Named For State Convention Board



Rev. Roy Collum, Jr.

Rev. Roy Collum, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia since 1969, has accepted the position of Secretary of Evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, effective April 15.

Mr. Collum will succeed Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, who resigned in September of 1969 to become pastor of First Baptist Church in Grenada.

Announcement of Mr. Collum's election was made jointly by Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, chairman of the exe-

cutive committee of the Convention Board and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, the board's executive secretary.

Mr. Collum has been active in denominational affairs for many years and has been widely used in revival meetings and other evangelistic emphases.

Dr. Hudgins, in commenting on the coming of Mr. Collum, said that "I feel we are very fortunate in the coming of Roy Collum to be our Evangelism Secretary."

"Our pastors and churches hold him in high regard and know him as one of God's dedicated men."

"He has a great evangelistic heart, is widely known by our denomination, and has unusual organizational and promotional ability."

"Our staff joins me, I am sure, in assuring him of our complete cooperation in the area of evangelism."

The First Baptist Church of Philadelphia has experienced substantial growth and development under his leadership.

Mr. Collum, a native of Shreveport, La., received his college training at Louisiana College, Pineville, La., and Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

He also did special studies at both Centenary College, Shreveport, and Louisiana Tech, Ruston, La.

He received his seminary education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mr. Collum is presently a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist Children's Village and formerly was president of the group.

He is currently a member of the

trustees of Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and was formerly chairman of that body.

Mr. Collum has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as well as chairman of its executive committee.

In 1967 he and the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles led a tour group of Europe and the Holy Land.

Mr. and Mrs. Collum have two children, both students at Mississippi State. Virginia Anne is a senior in the School of Music while William Roy is a freshman in the School of Business.

Mr. and Mrs. Collum expect to move to Jackson by June 1.

Prior to going to the Philadelphia post Mr. Collum was pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church for eight years.

Previously he had served as pastor of churches in Louisiana and Texas.

## Criswell Sees Exodus Of Liberals From Convention

DALLAS — Dr. W. A. Criswell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said he believes there may be an exodus of liberals from the denomination, according to a wire service report.

He said the action of Dr. William C. Smith Jr. could trigger such a movement.

Dr. Smith, director of religious activities for men and assistant professor of religion at the University of Richmond, Va., announced Thursday he will leave the Convention and his university posts.

Smith said he decided to leave after Dr. Criswell told the Convention's executive committee last fall that Baptists who do not believe in the articles of faith of the Convention should leave the denomination.

Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, said he was surprised at Smith's decision and saw a possible stimulus to other "liberals" in the convention.

"My observation has been that these liberals finally drift out into nothing," Criswell said.

"They don't go to church, they don't believe anything—they just drift out into some kind of spiritual limbo."

RICHMOND (BP) — William C. Smith, University of Richmond professor who was nominated as a protest candidate against W. A. Criswell of Dallas for president of the Southern Baptist Convention last year in New Orleans, has resigned his teaching post and announced plans to leave the denomination.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch in a page one story reported that Smith is accepting the challenge Criswell made last September calling for those who don't accept the convention adopted statements of faith to leave the denomination.

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## SBC Cooperative Receipts Up In First Quarter

NASHVILLE (BP) — During the first one-fourth of 1970, contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget increased by \$330,791 or 4.74 per cent over gifts for the first quarter of 1969.

A big month of giving during March offset decreased receipts during February to bring the gifts back up to the level previously predicted by officials of the convention's Executive Committee, which prepares the monthly financial reports.

During the month of March, Cooperative Program contributions increased 18 per cent over giving for March of 1969. The \$2.3 million given in March was the largest amount contributed through the Cooperative Program for any March in SBC history. It offset a 6.18 per cent decrease in February.

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee, explained that during

February, checks from two rather large state conventions failed to arrive before the books closed, but were received in March with receipts making March a record month.

Total Cooperative Program gifts for the first quarter of 1970 reached \$7.3 million, an increase of \$330,791 or 4.74 per cent over the \$6.9 million given during the first three months of 1969.

Designated contributions to specific SBC mission causes were down with \$1.4 million designated funds thus far in 1970 compared to \$1.2 million for the same period in 1969. It was a decrease of 1.58 per cent, or \$225,201.

Total combined contributions (Cooperative Program plus designated gifts) reached \$21.3 million for the quarter, compared to \$21.2 million in 1969, for an increase of .5 per cent or \$105,589.

Of the \$21.3 million total, \$17.5 million has gone to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and \$1.6 million has been sent to the SBC Home Mission Board.

## Three Major Speakers Revealed For Nationwide '71 Bible Meet

DALLAS (BP) — Three major speakers have accepted invitations to appear on the program for the Nationwide Southern Baptist Bible Conference scheduled for Dallas, March 15-18, 1971.

Harold Marsh of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, made the announcement at the first meeting of the conference's local arrangements committee in Dallas.

Marsh said Billy Graham will preach the closing service of the conference in Dallas Memorial Auditorium on March 18.

Others who have accepted speaking responsibilities are George Beasley-Murray, principal of Spurgeon's College, London, England and W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas and president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The three men headline a list of 89 speakers who will appear before the conference as group leaders, panelists and featured speakers.

Marsh said the conference will seek ways to discover what the Bible says about contemporary concerns and will speak to these concerns.

"If there ever was a time when we need hope it is now," Marsh told the committee. "If Baptists are really concerned about the crises facing our nation — and I think we are — then we need to discover what the Bible says about our responsibility and share it with others over a wide range."

Marsh also announced that during the conference several exhibitors will display Bible-related information and materials. Some of those include the American Bible Society, several religious publishing houses, and the six SBC seminaries, which will display current archaeological finds.

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## All Buildings At Gulfshore, Except One, To Be Demolished

All the buildings still partially standing at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly will be demolished, with the exception of the gymnasium, according to announcement by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary.

This action was taken at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convention Board.

The gymnasium building, known as

Convention Hall, was structurally undamaged by Hurricane Camille and will be the only building to be retained, Dr. Hudgins said.

This action was recommended by the assemblies studies committee of the Board and included that the assembly grounds be cleared of all rubble and debris.

The adopted recommendation also stipulated that the clay tiles used for roofing of the main building be salvaged at the highest possible figure. Dr. Hudgins said that the above recommendations "shall be dependent, of course, on securing permission and proper releases from our insurance companies."

Members of the assemblies study committee are Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, chairman; Rev. Dan Mor-

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## Chafin To Preach On Summer Baptist Hour

FORT WORTH (BP) — Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the evangelism division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will be the speaker on The Baptist Hour's summer series, the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here announced.

Chafin, former evangelism professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, will relieve Herschel H. Hobbs, regular Baptist Hour speaker. Chafin also previously taught at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.



MAN AND BOY RALLY HELD IN MERIDIAN

PHOTO AT LEFT shows several leaders at Man and Boy Rally held April 3 at State Boulevard Church in Meridian, sponsored by Brotherhood Department. From left: Rev. E. L. Howell, Jackson, department director; John Gates of Macon; Dr. David Mayhall, missionary to Nigeria; and Rev. Bill Robinson, host pastor. Center picture shows Rev. James Smith, Mendenhall,

who provided sleight-of-hand entertainment and inspiration, demonstrates procedures to two West Point boys, Joe Little (right) and Norman Nevels. In photo at right, Frank Lawton (at right), associate in Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, shows some materials to Chris Smith of Mendenhall, as Paul Harrell, associate in Brotherhood Department, looks on.



## National Library Week

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist Churches across the nation will focus attention on the value of the church library April 12-18 as they observe National Library Week — Church Library Emphasis.

Using the theme "Read-Look-Listen in your Church Library," the church library department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is recommending that attention be focused on new books, visual helps and recordings available from Baptist Book Stores and Baptist Film Centers.

Included among the recommended resources are "Is the Bible a Human Book?" by Wayne E. Ward and Joseph H. Green, "Look Up, Brother!" by W. A. Criswell, "Trumpets in the Morning" by Harper Shannon, "Fifty Character Stories" by Charles and Ruby Treadway, "Mission to America" by Arthur B. Rutledge, "Strength for Living" by Leonard Sanderson, "The Power of Positive Living" by John R. Bisagno, "Sing Me a Bible Song" by Alma May Scarborough, "Mommy Comes For Me" by Jewell Wells Nelson, "Church Library Development Plan Stages One and Two," "Church Library Development Plan, Stage Three," and "Church Library Classification and Cataloging Guide."

Visual helps suggested for use are "The Care and Repair of Printed Materials," a flip chart; "Bible Map Transparencies," overlays for use with overhead projectors; "Great Truths From Romans," a filmstrip; "A Church Using Audio - Visuals," a filmstrip; and "A Primer for Teachers and Leaders," a filmstrip.

Recommended films available from Baptist Film Centers are "The Cley: Where the Action Is," "Smoking and Health — A Report to Youth," "Prophet From Tekoa," "The Family That Prayed," and



## IN YOUR LIBRARY

### "What Is the Church?"

Suggested for listening is the record set "Basic Learning Techniques," two records featuring instructions on learning, planning, and motivating.

All recommended items, except films, are available from Baptist Book Stores. Films may be obtained from Baptist Film Centers.

Churches without libraries may receive two bonus books with the regular free library offer if they begin to build a library during the month of April. Further information on building a church library may be obtained from the Church Library Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

April Church Library Emphasis  
National Library Week, April 12-18



## Criswell Sees Exodus Of Liberals From Convention

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Criswell and Smith have been at odds over liberal interpretation of the Bible. Smith is secretary of the E. Y. Mullins Fellowship and active in the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, organizations that both opposed Criswell's book last year on "Why I Preach That The Bible Is Literally True."

At the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, defeated Smith for president of the SBC by a vote of 7,482 to 450.

Smith, director of religious activities for men and assistant professor of religion at the University of Richmond, said he had no immediate plans for the future, either in his choice of another position, or in a specific church.

He pointed out in a telephone interview with Baptist Press in Nashville that he was not leaving the church, but did not plan to remain in a Southern Baptist church.

He added he felt no bitterness toward the denomination, for he had found fulfillment and purpose in his work, especially with students. "But it is kind of like the Boy Scouts—it's a fine organization, but there comes a time to leave. And for me, it's all over."

He said he had come to the decision after "careful consideration" and a conclusion that the situation in the Southern Baptist Convention is that the conservatives hold the power, and they will allow liberals to exist just so long as "you do not say anything, tend to your knitting, stay out of sight, stay off platforms, don't run for office."

He said he was deeply discouraged about the place of the liberal in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I just don't care to participate in the fight anymore. For me, it is not worth the effort," he said. "There are just so many other problems and issues that are more pressing than the ones Southern Baptists seem concerned about. I want to devote my time and energies to these."

He added that he had made no specific plans regarding the type of position he would seek, but it would be in the secular field, either private, governmental or education.

Smith said he would fulfill his contract and remain at the University of Richmond until June 15 and would teach during the first summer session. He said he felt he must leave the school because it is a Baptist institution "where it is understood

that you are in the denomination. I just don't think there is any future for me in this framework," added.

Smith, 42, is a native of Georgia and was involved in Baptist student work in North Carolina before going to the University of Richmond. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

## Three Major — — —

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ological discoveries from the Bible lands.

Tri-sponsors for the conference are the Baptist Sunday School Board; Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; and the Dallas Baptist Association.

R. H. Dilday of the Texas Baptist Church Services Division is the chairman of the local arrangements committee.

## All Buildings — — —

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ton, Amory; Ralph Reeves, McCorn, Dr. Gail Debord, Long Beach; Jan Roberts, Oxford, and Dr. John G. Call, Vicksburg, convention president ex-officio.

The buildings at Gulfshore Assembly are all severely damaged and buildings at Camp Kittiwake were practically leveled as a result of devastation wrought by Hurricane Camille last summer.

## Pentecost Named New Virginia Editor

RICHMOND (BP) — Julian H. Pentecost, pastor of Grace Baptist Church here, has been elected editor of Religious Herald, official publication of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, effective June 1.

Pentecost has resigned as pastor of the church effective the end of April and will work during the month of May with retiring editor Reuben Wiley, who will hand over the reins of the editorship to Pentecost June 1.

Allen has been editor of the Religious Herald for the past 33 years, serving longer in the editorship than any other Baptist state paper editor. He is currently editing one of the 30 state newspapers in the denomination.

## No SBC Consensus On Leaving SBC on Doctrine, Poll Reveals

NASHVILLE (BP)—If a Southern Baptist church member cannot completely agree with the 27 Articles of Faith, 56.5 per cent of Southern Baptist pastors feel he should leave his church and either join a church whose doctrine he more nearly accepts or try to find one whose doctrine he can completely accept.

In contrast, only 35.7 per cent of a representative group of Sunday School teachers in the denomination take this position.

Both groups of Southern Baptist leaders were polled by Baptist VIEW-poll following a statement dealing with the controversial issue by Southern Baptist Convention President W. A. Criswell of Dallas.

During a session of the convention's Executive Committee in September, 1969, Criswell asked how long the denomination could stay together, saying: "There are among us liberals, conservatives, fundamentalists; open communists, closed communists; alien immersionists; persons who would emphasize the social application of the gospel, those who would emphasize evangelism."

He also stated: "If we have men who do not believe in our articles of faith, why don't these people leave us and join denominations where they would be happy? ... In my humble

judgment, I think we ought to take those articles of faith (1925 and 1963) and say, 'This is what it is, being a Baptist. If you don't believe that, you are not a Baptist.'"

The Baptist VIEW-poll item, due to brevity, could not exactly capture the many dimensions of the issue discussed by Criswell, said Martin B. Bradley, director of the Baptist VIEW-poll and secretary of the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Nevertheless, Bradley pointed out, the item would appear to embody a sufficiently parallel hypothetical situation. The response should be carefully evaluated in light of the precise wording used in the item and the four alternatives present.

Many leaders volunteered comments

"If a member of a Southern Baptist church finds he cannot completely agree with the Articles of Faith as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925, should he remain in a Baptist church or leave it?" (Check one!)

Pastors	S. S. Teachers	
27.3%	39.3%	Remain, on basis of things with which he agrees
10.5%	20.6%	Remain, actively trying to influence the Convention to change
34.7%	19.5%	Leave, and join a church whose doctrine he more nearly accepts
21.5%	16.2%	Leave, and try to find a church whose doctrine he can completely accept (Answer not indicated)
5.7%	4.4%	
100.0%	100.0%	

relating to their position, thus adding depth to the response. A sizable number, most of whom answered "remain," stated that complete agreement is not very likely nor is it necessary. Many of them said that there should be no creed, but the Bible, no head but Christ and that the right to differ is basic to being a Baptist.

One comment: "Most couldn't find something to disagree with. If we left, there would be no SBC." Another: "I doubt that 10 per cent of the SBC membership agrees 100 per cent with the articles of faith." One candidly stated: "I don't always agree with my wife but I do not go looking for another one!"

Another large group, in contrast, took a firm position of "leave." They said that a person either is, or isn't,

a Baptist, and should leave if he can't agree with Baptists. There must be basic unity or agreement, they said. Trouble should be avoided; a church should not be torn up over disagreement.

### For Us Or Against Us

One person said, "If he is not one of us, he is against us. It has been my sad privilege to follow a man of this type." Another: "I feel that there can be areas of disagreement within the church but the articles of faith are so basic no member can be effective unless he agrees upon them."

A view expressed by a strong segment of respondents was that any action (leaving or remaining) should depend on the nature, extent and effect of failure to agree. One person put it this way: "He should remain as long as he agrees on the major issues. Otherwise, he should find a doctrine he more nearly accepts."

Some persons declared that a person should leave simply if he could believe some other doctrine better. This comment illustrated such an emphasis: "If there could be another denomination found which is more sound scripturally, I would join it if I didn't agree with the articles of faith."

A minority group of respondents said something like, "stay and seek further understanding" or "stay—he might change his mind and come to agreement." A similar number shared the view that a person should remain and make reasonable efforts to influence change in articles of faith toward his convictions.

Two comments seemed to epitomize the divided opinion which seems to prevail among the Baptist leaders surveyed: "This (articles of faith) is no creed but a majority opinion. What's happened to the Baptist concept of religious freedom contained in these articles? Who is going to be the bishop or pope?"

The other said: "Baptist churches are becoming weaker in the faith because far too many members are only Baptist by name and do not believe in Baptist doctrine based on the Scriptures."

And, between these two stands the person who maintains that no simple, hard-and-fast rule applies—"it all depends."

The above information is based on 90 per cent response from a VIEW-poll leader panel representative of Southern Baptist churches in convention states and of all size groups.

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will ultimately be transformed into an extended-care facility.

Another part of the comprehensive-care complex is a 100-bed self-care unit now under conversion.

The hospital is an institution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and is operated by a board of trustees elected by the convention.



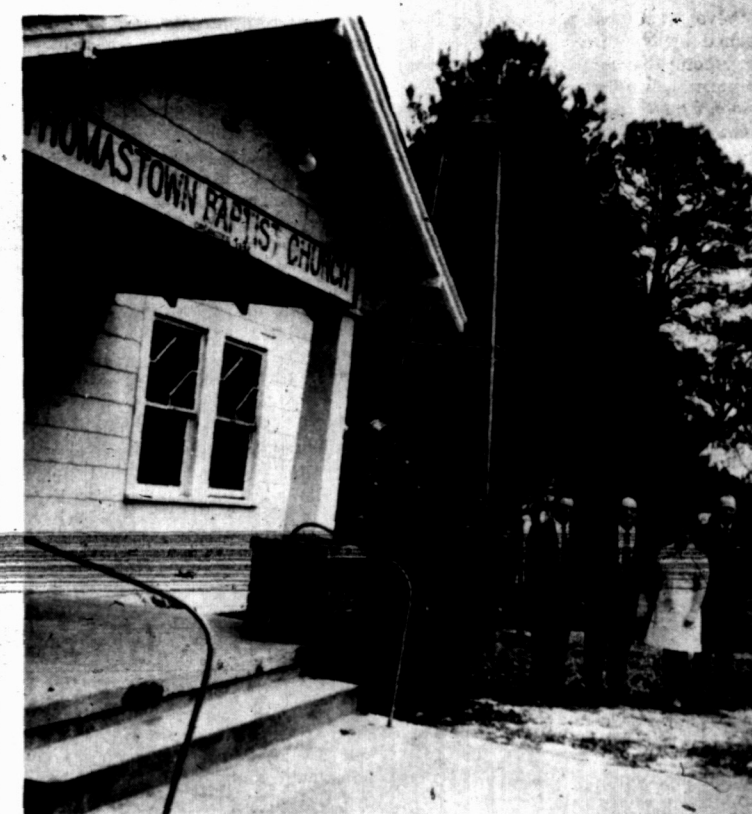
## Highland Opens New Library

Looking over the new library at Highland Church, Crystal Springs is from left to right, Rev. Russell Cottingham, pastor, Mrs. Mary Kitchens, Mrs. Charlotte McElveen, and Mrs. Leon Enzor. The new library opened recently with these three ladies serving as librarian during library hours.

A long awaited dream of many members became a reality with the opening of this library. The pastor said praise was due Mrs. Leon Enzor and Mrs. Mary Kitchens for their untiring efforts to catalog the books and set up the library cards. The li-

brary will operate during hours before and after the main services at the church with Mrs. Charlotte McElveen assisting the previously named ladies.

The library opened with 570 volumes, ranging from light fiction, religious, reference, serious reading, and classics. Most of these books have been donated by members and friends. All of the work done on the library was voluntary, allowing monies allocated to be used for the purchase of new books. It has been completely equipped and is conducive to study for a small number of students.



## Thomastown Has "Outside" Church Bell

ONE OF THE FEW CHURCHES in the state with an "outside" church bell that is still used on Sunday mornings is the Thomastown Church. Several church leaders are seen beside the bell, from left: Tommy Bell, who was instrumental in erecting the bell; Ernest "Pete" Ellison, Sunday school superintendent, who usually rings the bell; Miss Jennie Dickens, Training Union director, and Gordon Williams, chairman of the deacons.

## Health Exemption Ceases On July 1

DALLAS — July 1, 1970, is the final date a Southern Baptist minister or church employee may join the Group Insurance Program without providing evidence of good health, an official of the Annuity Board announced.

According to Ransome Swords, director of Insurance Services of the Annuity Board, any application mailed by the July 1, deadline will be accepted.

The Group Insurance Program, inaugurated last October, has two separate schedules of benefits for life insurance, Swords said. Insurance benefits range from \$5,000 to \$60,000, depending on the schedule selected.

He said the Program also provides a Long Term Disability Income Protection benefit, one of the most im-

portant benefits available. During total disability, the Plan will pay 60 per cent of monthly earnings (70 per cent if dependent Social Security is involved) and may be as much as \$1,000 a month.

In addition, Swords said both schedules provide for accidental death and dismemberment, plus insurance benefits for spouse and all children age 14 days to 23 years. Texas residents are not eligible under Texas insurance laws for dependent coverage, Swords said.

The Program also allows life coverage after age 65, Swords added. He said detailed information about benefits and costs may be obtained by writing Insurance Services, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

## Dissident Baptists — —

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The document goes into specific cases of persons "condemned or under trial" in Russia for "fulfilling the commandments of our beloved Lord Jesus Christ." The document is labeled "an appeal to all Christians in the world."

Physical brutality, imprisonment, confiscation of Bibles and hymnals, and harassment by police against dissenting Baptists are charged in the document. European Baptist Press reported. Names and places are cited in the report.

Michael Zhidkov, Moscow Baptist pastor and past president of the European Baptist Federation, told European Baptist Press Service that the first issue in 1970 of an official Baptist journal, "Brotherly Messenger," offers a rebuttal and calls the charges in the document "exaggerated."

Zhidkov said that the official Russian Baptist movement was aware of the complaint letter from relatives of imprisoned dissenters.

The official Baptist magazine "regrets the unkind spirit in which this letter was written," Zhidkov continued. "We should solve our problems within our own country and not appeal to outsiders."



# Stewardship Commission League Targets 600,000 Gospels For Japan's Expo

## Introduces 3 New Aids

MEMPHIS — The Stewardship Commission, SBC, will introduce in April, 1970, three new stewardship development aids for use in the churches beginning in April, 1970.

A special set of materials has been prepared for Pre-schoolers and Children. Authored by Robert and Annette Harty, the material for Preschoolers is titled "My Money Helps"; the material for Children is titled "Money And Me." Special aids for Youth (YIS) "Youth in Stewardship" and written by Mancil and Suzanne Ezell has been created.

The third area is the Single Adult. Millie Ann Basore wrote this booklet titled "The Single Adult and Money Management."

The Preschool stewardship emphasis material, "My Money Helps", has the pupil, the teacher, and the parent in mind. This booklet will help teacher and parent show a child that money is important, money will buy things, and money needs to be used wisely.

In the hands of the child (pupil), this booklet is written and illustrated in such a way that, in the hands of the child, it teaches that "money helps me, helps my family, helps my church, helps others, and helps to send missionaries to tell other people about Jesus."

The Children's material, for ages 6 through 11 years, has both helps for leaders and children. "Money And Me" helps this age child to answer questions such as "How important is money?" "How do I manage money?" and "Do I use my money to honor God?"

The treatment of the subject matter for "Youth in Stewardship" is informal and calls for five (5) sessions: Session One is on "Gettin' and Givin'" and is a fun session that surveys the field of youth and money and lays the groundwork for the next four sessions; session two is on "Dollars and Sense" and is designed to help young people locate financial areas that



### World Congress — Gift From Japan

HAZUYOSHI HASUNUMA of Tokyo presents a poster, announcing the Twelfth Baptist World Congress, to Rogers M. Smith, official of the Foreign Mission Board. Hasunuma, deacon and Sunday school superintendent in Tokiwadai Baptist Church in Tokyo, came to the U.S. on a month's vacation to get acquainted with Baptist life and work. He is in business related to Japan's national railroads.

need development and maturity; session three is "Discovering Mine" and asks the questions such as "How do I handle credit?" "What about my allowance?" and "What does it mean to earn things?"

In this session there are three case studies, with film clips and records, written and illustrated to secure maximum involvement; session four is titled "How to Stretch a Dollar" and tries to establish guidelines for sound money management; the last session, session five, deals with the question "Is There a Difference?" between my income as a Christian young person and a non-Christian

"The Single Adult and Money management" recognizes a need for special material for this particular group of adults. Most people either provide for someone or are protected by someone. The single adult needs to learn to do both for themselves. Section One is written to establish principles of good money management.

Such subjects as determining goals, estimating income and expenses, and planning spending are discussed. Worksheets are provided. Section Two is written to establish principles of good financial planning for the future and talks about insurance, savings, investments, retirement, wills, trusts, life insurance, gifts, and inventory of assets. Also included in the

### Ten Commandments Of Worship

- (Found in an old English Church)  
Thou shalt not come to service late, Nor for the amen refuse to wait.
- 1 When speaks the organ's sweet refrain, Thy noisy tongue shalt thou restrain.
  - 2 But when the hymns are sounded out, Thou shalt lift thy voice and shout.
  - 3 And when the anthem thou shalt hear, Thy sticky voice thou shalt not clear.
  - 4 The endmost seat thou shalt leave free, For more must share the pew with thee.
  - 5 The offering plate thou shalt not fear, But give thine utmost with cheer.
  - 6 Thou shalt the minister give heed, Nor blame him when thou art disgreed.
  - 7 Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend, And if a stranger, make a friend.
  - 8 Thou shalt in every way be compassionate, kind, considerate, and of tender mind.
  - 9 And so be all thy spirit's grace, Thou shalt show God within thy place.

book is a piece designed to evaluate your skill in the use of money called "Test Your Spending Habits."

Michael L. Speer, director of stewardship development for the Stewardship Commission, said that he felt our materials had been slanted too long toward adults only and that the introduction of these new aids to stewardship development written for specific age groups was a long step forward for our denomination. These materials will be available through SBC Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203 on April 1, 1970.

History's largest world's fair is a ready-made opportunity for the Pocket Testament League to carry the Christian message to a great host of people in the space of a few months, according to PTL International Director J. Edward Smith. "When Expo '70 opened March 15" he announced, "our team was poised at the heart of the fair grounds, ready to distribute over half a million Gospels of John to visitors."

Referring to the promise of Jesus Christ that He would make His followers "fishers of men," Mr. Smith said that PTL is committed to going where the fish are. Between 30 million and 50 million fair-goers are expected in Osaka, Japan's second largest city, during the six months of the fair. PTL Gospels are being distributed in the strikingly simple Christian pavilion designed as an interpretation of the theme of the fair, "the progress and harmony of mankind."

In addition to handing out hundreds of thousands of Japanese Gospels, PTL is also distributing Gospels of John in at least fifteen other languages — including Russian — to visitors from more than 70 nations. This monumental campaign of evangelism is being carried out by PTL Team members John Rhoads, Sato San, and Roy Robertson, with the help of seven specially-trained young Asians. Scriptures are also being distributed from PTL centers in other locations in the city of Osaka.

PTL teams are making the most of opportunities for evangelism and Scripture distribution in the Osaka area, for Christians are still a small religious minority in Japan. Large numbers of visitors are being quartered at inns and hotels, or living with Japanese families during their stay at the fair, and it is PTL's privilege to reach them with the Word of God wherever they can.

PTL's veteran Foreign Secretary, Glenn Wagner, deserves much of the credit for working out complex preparations for the Expo '70 distribution. Mr. Wagner retired at the beginning of 1970 after leading Scripture distribution campaigns on four continents for 25 years.

PTL is most optimistic about the potential effect of its work on thousands of lives touched by the Gospel during the six months of Expo '70. Citing the Scriptural basis for this expectation, Mr. Smith quoted Isaiah 55:11 — "My

### REVIVAL RESULTS

First Church, Grenada: March 29-April 5. Dr. L. Gordon Sams, senior evangelist; Vernon Polk, Grenada, leading the singing; Mrs. Dawn Gandy, Jackson, soloist; 16 professions of faith; 6 by letter; 22 rededications; 4 for full-time Christian Service (1 preacher, 1 music and youth, 2 music).

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### After Mbeya, Never The Same

By Bettie Bailey, Journeyman Mbeya, Tanzania

Mbeya is a most enchanting place, perched at an altitude of some 5,000 feet among the mountains and hills of southern Tanzania in East Africa.

I don't have enough fingers and toes to count all the tribes and tribal dialects prevalent in this area. Language is certainly a barrier, but somehow it's possible to get a message across; I'm surely glad the Lord gave us means of communicating other than words.

My daily ward chores in the Baptist hospital are a riot, with one patient translating to another until I finally get to the language of the one to whom I'm trying to relate.

These people are so receptive, and the kids will just steal your heart. Walking through the ward I hear "Mary had a little lam." I turn to see who's singing and see nothing but ear-to-ear grins! I wish I could learn their Swahili songs as quickly as they learn my English ones.

Our hospital chaplain, a Tanzanian, is doing a marvelous work with the in-patients and with outpatients from a clinic. It's such a thrill to walk through the wards and see patients snaring their new faith with each other. There is a Swahili New Testament at each bedside plus extras to carry home!

Tuberculosis-ridden skeletons, barely living, find health and hope there. I've seen malnourished kids who were all but dead nursed and prayed back to health. It gives me such a charge to see these patients who were once nearly lifeless leaving our hospital with big smiles on their faces. Many leave with a newly found Christ in their hearts.

Hospital staffers also operate weekly bush clinics where they preach the

gospel and give vitamin injections and antimalarial medication. At present we meet in a former pombe (beer) shop! It's amazing how the Lord transforms people and buildings.

About 40 miles from Mbeya is the Fungwe District, one of the most flourishing evangelistic areas I know. Would you believe 140 churches have opened there in the last ten years? These people are so hungry, so receptive to the gospel message. A fellow journeyman once baptized 63 in one service.

While in Mombasa, Kenya, I visited a Jain temple. People of all ages were offering sacrifices to various gods of brass, silver, gold and whatever, and a priest was playing what seemed to be a tuneless offertory on a little hand pump organ.

When the priest invited me to play the organ, I plopped right down beside him and began my rendition of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." My journeyman cohorts couldn't conceal their amusement upon hearing "What a Friend" vibrating from the ears of that Jain temple. I only wish the priest could have understood the significance of the song.

Christmas was a reminder of the reason for my presence in this mob of black faces. It's strange how quickly one becomes color-blind and sees only the "peopleness" of folks.

I couldn't believe I had been in Africa five months in January, and it's still hard to realize that I'm 8,000 miles from that so prosperous, ever-advancing America.

I'll never fully understand why the Lord chose to allow me such an opportunity, such an adventure, and at times such a heartache. I'll never be the same "BB" my old friends knew. How could I, after seeing how the other side of the world lives!

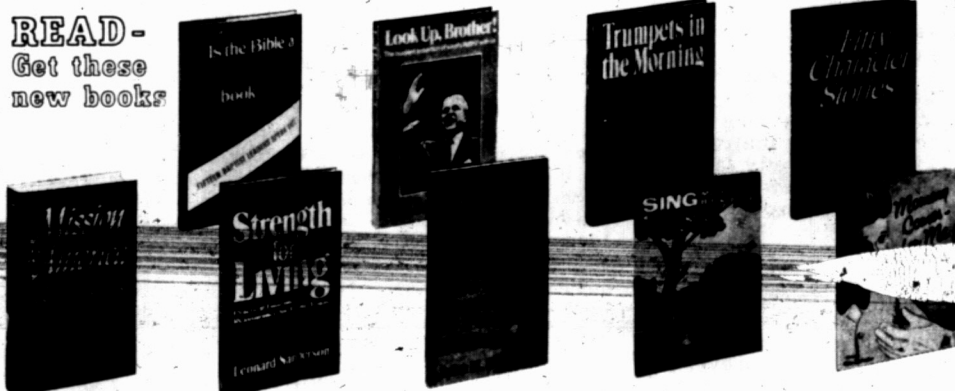


### Clarke - Venable Has Family Life Meeting

CLARK VENABLE Baptist Church, Decatur, group who attended a luncheon meeting for senior citizens, retirees and near-retired, as a feature of their recent Family Life Conference. In front row, kneeling at right, is Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor, and next, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, who conducted the conference.

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**What Did You Say, Lord?**

She was lonely,  
and I gave her no friendship;  
She was sad,  
and I gave her no cheer;  
She was despairing,  
and I gave her no hope.  
Yet I say, "Where have I failed Thee, Lord?"

Her child was sick,  
but I polished silver;  
Her husband was fired,  
but I showed her my new suit;  
Her friend let her down,  
but I went shopping.  
Yet I say, "Where have I failed Thee, Lord?"

Her confidence was betrayed,  
then I told her my pastor's faults;  
Her faith was faltering,  
then I was critical of my church;  
Her soul sought salvation,  
then I hurried off to my club.  
Yet I say, "Where have I failed Thee, Lord?"

Wait!  
Did I hear Him say, "You do not understand her needs."  
Did I hear Him say, "You were too busy."  
Did I hear Him say, "You are of little faith."

Or did He say, "Why call ye me 'Lord?'"

**I THE BAPTIST FORUM I**

**Disapproves Of  
Editor's Position  
On Seminar**

Dear Sir:  
I have just read your editorial on the recent conference in Atlanta, entitled "Was It Worth the Cost?"

If The Baptist Record is going to exercise itself about the image our Convention presents, to the outside world, then it should do so seriously, and with a better purpose than to perpetuate denominational fantasies. Apparently the Record really thinks that the world is to be knocked flat by the spectacle of some Southern Baptists telling other Southern Baptists what all Southern Baptists believe already. This attitude is frivolous and unreal. Our "image" in the eyes of the "world" is one of segregation, prudery, and impenetrable complacency, and it is hard to see how we are to change this without talking about race, sex, and theological difficulties. But I don't think the Record is really interested in changing this image in the first place.

Over and over again you make the point that the conference was unwise because it might be misrepresented by the public press. I wonder what Jesus would have thought of this attitude? or Saint Paul? or Martin Luther? or John Bunyan? Apparently we are never to do or say anything that could possibly be distorted by the secular world. Since when have we become so terribly sensitive to what the "world" thinks about us anyway? Are we to give the world this kind of veto power over all our programs and efforts? This is worldliness with a vengeance indeed.

Your other great point is that the conference might hurt the Convention financially. That is to say, there are plenty of Southern Baptists who won't be slow to wield the economic knife against anybody who says anything they don't want to hear. The name for this kind of threat is blackmail—and yet you mention this, with approval, as a reason why the conference should not have been held! Which is to be our real guide in questions of faith and morals: the Bible and the individual conscience—or the collection plate?

I don't enjoy having to write this way about my denomination, but I can't just stand by and watch while our Convention goes on suffocating in its own self-spun cocoon. When will we stop worshipping our own mirror image, stop acting as if we were infallibly right on every subject, and start tackling the job of proving to the "world" that we are not a provincial laughingstock, scared of our own shadow, but a power to bring all men into loving brotherhood under the lordship of Christ?

Sincerely,  
W. McCraw  
Southern Station  
Hattiesburg, Miss.

(Each reader has the right to his own opinion. The editor does not expect everybody to agree with him. However, he still does not believe that Southern Baptists have to go to Playboy or Situation Ethics to find out what God wants them to do in the area of morality. We are not concerned about what others think about us as long as we are doing right. Editor)

**Encourages Systematic  
Daily Bible Reading**

Dear Sir:  
The following is something I send to my children, grandchildren, relatives and friends, enclosed with letters:

"I wish to witness to what daily systematic Bible reading has meant to me. All of my life I haphazardly read the Scriptures. No definite system. A few years back I pledged the Lord and myself that I would read never less than three chapters every day. I have averaged five chapters per day. I read carefully, prayerfully, and meditate on what I read.

"I get off to myself where quietness prevails. No noise, no disturbance, no distraction.

"I have read the New Testament through four times and the Old Testament twice.

"Each time new thoughts are revealed. I hope to continue the above. It can be done easily in 30 minutes.

"We eat three times daily; we sleep some eight hours; we spend time in recreation for the human body. Why not 30 minutes for the Lord? We need God's word. Few know it.

C. H. Winston  
Pinola, Miss.

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**A Week That Was Wet**

Liquor forces made two important gains in Mississippi week before last. The wets must be very proud! Other people should weep!

The "Implied Consent" bill, which would have allowed the testing of individuals suspected of driving on the state's highways while under the influence of liquor, was allowed to die on the Senate calendar.

Announcement was made of plans for the erection of a whiskey distillery in the state.

Apparently almost everyone wanted the "implied consent" bill, except a few determined wets who want to be able to drink and drive.

The Governor stated that he wanted the bill!

The Governor's Committee on Highway Safety wanted it!

The House of Representatives wanted it! (They approved it.)

Apparently the Highway Patrol wanted it!

The Insurance Companies wanted it!

The National Safety Council wanted it!

The people wanted it!  
**BUT SOME WETS DID NOT WANT IT!** And they got their way!

The bill probably would have passed the Senate if it had not been lost in the rush of the closing days of the session.

One senator stated to the press that the legislators will have time to study the issue during the coming year, and should be ready to consider it at the next session.

We hope that citizens all over the state will let their legislators know that they do want this bill passed, for they do want to get drinking drivers off the highways.

All that the bill proposed was to allow the Highway Patrol to make simple breath tests of drivers suspected of drinking, so that such drivers could be taken off the highways.

Forty-seven of the fifty states have such a law.

The people who die in highway crashes caused by liquor (and more than 50% of all highway deaths are liquor related); the far larger number who are injured; and those who suffer tremendous property loss, during the coming year, are the ones who will pay the costs of the failure to pass the bill.

It was a tragic week for Mississippians. And then to make it infinitely worse came the announcement that a distillery will be built in Mississippi.

We have learned that it possibly will be located in the Vicksburg area.

When legalization of liquor was being discussed in the state the argument was made that we had to get rid of the bootleggers.

This distillery will probably make more liquor in a day than all the bootleggers Mississippi ever had, could have made in a month or even longer.

And the product will produce the same results. It will make drunken beasts out of good men, and alcoholics out of lovely women. It will wreck homes. It will kill people on Mississippi's highways. It will help send more people to hell.

This will be the only distillery in the South outside of Tennessee. (Apparently Kentucky is not classified as a Southern state.)

Many Mississippians will want to act now to halt the erection of this distillery in their midst if they can do so. However, it probably is impossible to do anything about it, since the legalization bill passed several years ago (without the approval of the Mississippi voters) provides that the Alcoholic Beverage Commission can license the manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

A question keeps nagging us: Why are bootleggers so much worse than distilleries which can make a hundred or a thousand times as much of the product?

We are against them both!



**NEWEST BOOKS**

**BRIGHAM SMITH** by John L. Smith (The Utah Evangel Press, P. O. Box 108, Clearfield, Utah 84015, cloth \$5.00, paper \$4.00).

A Baptist missionary writes a novel on Mormonism which presents in sharp focus the meaning of this cult in today's Christian world. It is the fascinating story of a young man who grew up in a Mormon home and reached not only success in his business life but an actual place of top leadership in the Mormon world. The writer clearly depicts the various teachings and programs of Mormonism as he tells how this young man grew in this "church." Then this Mormon leader is faced by a Christian leader who knew Mormonism and pointed out to him its false teachings, its untruthful claims, and its failure to truly present Christ. The discussion of all of these issues helps the reader to see the difference between Mormonism and Biblically based faith. The story of how this man and his wife came to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and the results of that experience in their lives brings the novel to its close. Those who want to understand Mormonism, and have the truth concerning it, will do well to read this splendid novel. It may be obtained at the address given above.

**THE BOOK OF ISAIAH, VOLUME II, CHAPTERS XIX-XXXIX** by Edward J. Young (Eerdmans, 684 pp., \$9.95).

Another volume in "The New International Commentary on the Old Testament." The author was one of the outstanding conservative scholars of our day. He died on February 14, 1968. Fortunately, he had completed the material for both this volume and Volume III before his death. His effort is to allow the prophet to speak for himself and, as much as possible, to expound his message for readers of the present day. The author believes in the divine inspiration of the Bible. In his preface to Volume I he says that he is not primarily concerned with textual questions and problems but rather with the text and its meaning. He added that he had devoted the main body of the commentary to exposition and that he had tried to keep in mind the needs of the minister and Sunday school teacher. The plan of writing reveals how well he was able to fulfill this purpose. Word by word, sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph and section by section he covers the message of the prophet and opens its meaning so completely that the student almost feels that he was present when the words were spoken and understands fully what the prophet was seeking to say. We recommend this volume and its companion works, without any hesitation.

**CONTEMPORARY COMMENTARIES — GENERAL EPISTLES OF JAMES & JUDE** by Richard Wolff (Tyndale, 113 pp.).

A volume from a set called Contemporary Commentaries. The author is a young man who was born in Germany, lived in Belgium for several years, and came to the United States in 1951. He seeks to find just what the author of the Bible books is trying to say, gives a clear exposition of what he has said, and provides application for modern life. If this is a fair sample, this should be a very valuable small commentary for the average Bible student.

**PLEASE GIVE A DEVOTION FOR JUNIORS** by Amy Bolding (Baker, 96 pp., \$2.50).

The wife of the assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas presents 25 devotionals which will be most valuable for use with junior groups. These are on subjects juniors will understand and be inter-

ested in and present spiritual truths which they will not be able to forget. The author has written a number of devotional books. This should prove to be one of the most valuable especially for workers with this age group.

**I MEET GOD THROUGH THE STRANGEST PEOPLE** by Daniel R. Burrow (Concordia, 206 pp., \$3.95).

One hundred and ten devotions for boys and girls ages 9 to 13. Each is based upon a scripture, and each one tells a story. Workers with juniors should find these materials very valuable, and the boys and girls themselves will enjoy reading them.

**THINKABLES** by James C. Hefley (Revell, 158 pp., \$3.95).

Fifty-two meditations on subjects relating to modern Christian living. Each includes a prayer, hymn suggestions and questions for discussion. The author is a Southern Baptist free lance writer and speaker, and his presentations always are provocative and enriching.

**DIAL A DRUG, BAN THE BUTT, BATTLE BOOZE, and TRIP OR TRAP** (Spenco Corp., P. O. Box 6322, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106).

These are special materials prepared for use in teaching the truth about drugs, cigarettes and liquor. They are the most unusual materials we have seen for use in the fight on these tragic forces which are doing so much to destroy young and old. They are prepared by a doctor, W. R. Spence. The advertising says "An angry young doctor prescribes."

DIAL A DRUG consists of a booklet and a cardboard dial for use in teaching about drugs, and is prepared for teachers, parents and students. The booklet is a guide for the use of the dial. The dial is so arranged that it gives the facts about sixteen drugs, including alcohol. The name, the slang names, medical classification, medical uses, symptoms of abusers, from taste and smell, routes of administration, legal source and penalty for possession, are given in multi-colored easy to read chart. Facts concerning any of the drugs are all easily found simply by turning the dial. The 30 page booklet tells how to use the dial in teaching and study.

**BAN THE BUTT, BATTLE BOOZE, and TRIP OR TRAP** are booklets, each of which includes a round lapel button about 1" inches in diameter with a pen, and then 48 paste-on full-color designs to put on the button. The designs lampoon smoking, drinking and drug use. The designs also can be stuck on books, drinking glasses, or any other surface. Samples are: Cigarettes—The Family that Smokes Together Chokes Together; Smokers Have Everything: Cancer, Emphysema, Heart Disease; Smoke and Make Your Doctor Rich; BOOZE: Bloodshot Eyes Are Beautiful; Humpty Dumpty was a Social Drinker; Live Dangerously, Play Alcohol Roulette. DRUGS: The Higher You Go the Farther You Fall; Acid-heads are Hollow. These are just a few samples. Others are as good or even better.

Each of the four items is \$1.00 plus 25c handling costs. For classes or teachers, 100 assorted badges, without pins, for small children to wear, are available for \$4.00 plus 50c postage.

These are unusual materials which should be very effective in teaching children and teenagers concerning these dangerous practices. However, they also may speak clearly to adults too. We understand that the Baptist Book Stores are being asked to consider selling these; so they may be available there before long. Now, however, you can order them direct from the company.

**"QUOTABLES"**

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

By Jesus' standards the test of a person's generosity is not how much he has given, but how much he has left after the gift.—Samuel J. Schreiner in "Faces of God," Broadman Press.

There is no more relevant message to modern man than that contained in the Epistle to the Romans.—Harper Shannon in "Riches in Romans," Broadman Press.

Christianity gave what the world most needed—a God who was concerned for man so much that he was willing to suffer in man's behalf.—Volume 8 of "The Broadman Bible Commentary."

While most of these programs may be presented independently, unit presentation relieves us from clock-watching.—Phyllis Woodruff Sapp in "50 Programs for Pre-Teens," Broadman Press.

Only by the dethronement of the cares of this world can sanctification be attained.—John M. Carter in "The Second Cross," Broadman Press.

Mark Twain, 1867





CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST MOVES JACKSONVILLE AUDIENCE — Members of the Highlands Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., reenacted the

death, burial and resurrection of Christ in a drama presented at sunrise and sunset on Easter Sunday.

## Jacksonville Drama Reenacts Crucifixion

By James Evans McReynolds

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — The figure on the center cross appears beaten and bloody.

Sweat runs down his face. "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" the choir sings.

Tears fall from the faces of women, children and some men, who are looking on.

The audience gets so close emotionally to the real events of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ that some faint. Few leave unmoved.

The drama which attracts thousands of persons each Easter was written by R. M. Coolidge, pastor of Highlands Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

The actors, costume designers, directors, propmen and carpenters are some 200 members of the Highlands Church.

"You feel as if you are there sharing the guilt and ugliness of the thing that is happening," an observer said.

This is the third year the church has presented the drama. Coolidge wrote his script in 1951 while he served North Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., as pastor.

He introduced the drama to audiences in Jacksonville when he became pastor of the Franklin Street Baptist Church.

Since then the passion drama has become a part of the church's ministry.

The Franklin Street Church continues to present the drama at sunrise each Easter from Coolidge's original script.

The drama is presented with original scenery on and around a large sand dune where scenes take place in a semi-circle.

"One man in the crowd of spectators became so involved during the crucifixion scene that he actually tried to stop the crucifixion," Coolidge related.

"Another blind man in the congregation standing with thousands of other people... said, 'This is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen,'" Coolidge added.

The scenes are made as realistic as possible. "Even the donkeys cooperate. Their 'hee-haws' add a touch of reality to the drama," he said.

In their helmets and armor, actors playing Roman soldiers gallop by on horseback.

The actors portraying Christ and the thieves appear nailed to their crosses. The crosses have support bases for the feet. There are holders on the sides in which the actors slip their hands.

"From a distance of ten feet, the audience cannot perceive that the actors are not nailed to the crosses," Coolidge said.

In the scene where Christ is beaten, the whip had a red substance within the leather and fake spikes. This substance makes red marks on the

body that looks like blood and whelp marks.

The spear thrown into the actor's side is also a professional prop. A syringe on the point of the spear contains the red chemical substance used in the beating scene.

As the spear is thrown into the actor's padded side, what appears to be blood and water pour from the point into which the spear is tossed.

"We believe that what people see makes an impression on the mind that is not soon forgotten," Coolidge related.

In one scene one of the thieves crucified with Jesus resists as the soldiers try to nail him to his cross. The struggle adds graphic understanding to the horror of Christ's death.

Coolidge continues to add a scene or two each year. He introduced the scene where Judas hanged himself last year. It was so realistic that one

of the actors screamed on impulse as the actor playing Judas leaped to his "death."

Some people drive hundreds of miles to see the drama, according to Coolidge. It is presented twice on Easter day, at sunrise and at sunset. More than 150 Highlands Baptist Church members work all night to put finishing touches on costumes, beards, make-up and props.

Work starts almost immediately after the performance for the next year's presentation. Rehearsals come on Saturday afternoons several weeks before the drama is presented.

"Our people work tirelessly day and night to prepare this drama. They have seen what it can mean in the lives of those in the audience."

"It has the most powerful impact on a crowd of people of anything I have ever seen during my ministry," Coolidge said.

## 'Teddy' Purser Recalls Life In Hungary

By MRS. DAVID WEBB

There's a (Teddy) Purser like a com- pany...

You can tell it by the way she waves and smiles when you turn into her drive. And by the way her warm eyes dance when she finds out you plan to stay a while.

"Please you come in," she will say in her own special mixture of Hungarian and rural Southern American.

Teddy lives on route one Meadville with her husband, John Purser, whom she married in Hungary in 1947, and their daughter Peggy, 12.

There are two sons, John Wayne, 22, and Gabriel, 19, who are in and out on weekends.

Teddy looks out across the spacious yard and thinks a moment when you ask how she came to America. It is, how you say, a long story," she adds with a smile.

Born in Nagyranjok, Hungary, Teddy moved as a child with her family to Pecs, a large city a short distance away. There her father worked in a coal mine to support his wife and daughter and two sons. Her early childhood was uneventful, Teddy says, and she remembers only that she walked about 1 1/2 miles to school and studied reading, writing, arithmetic, and subjects similar to those taught in America today. "But no English," she grins.

In 1944 Teddy was growing up and engaged to marry a young policeman in the city. One day the close surroundings that Teddy had known were invaded by the Russians, and the city suddenly resembled a giant fireworks display, with guns booming and planes shelling the homes and stores.

"We had before heard the guns of the war far away," explains Teddy. But not so close as now. My friend (the policeman) came for my family and me to carry us to the home of his parents about 60 miles away. But my mother would not go... she would not leave until my father comes out of the mine."

The mother urged Teddy to go on and promised that she and the other family members would follow. Finally, the frightened girl was persuaded and went with her friend. That day, running to keep alive, yet looking back at her home, was the last time ever saw her mother. Later Teddy was taken safely into Austria on a wagon with some of the wives and children of the Hungarian soldiers. "So many times I try to find my parents and they try to find me," says Teddy, remembering. "But never can we do this."

In Austria Teddy sought employment with the Red Cross, who gave her room and board for sewing, covering chairs, and cleaning. Shortly thereafter the young soldier who was guard at the gate of the post nearby asked the shy Hungarian girl for a date. They were married in 1947, and Teddy, now Mrs. John F. Purser, came to Franklin County in 1948 to make her home.

Here Teddy's face breaks into a grin and she confides: "I had not seen this cotton you know. Then I am in the cotton field, hoeing from the early day to late at night. But I help my husband and I am young and I do not mind so much." Then with a shake of the head, "But I think I could not do this today. Boy, that some hard work you know."

During her years in America Teddy has heard from a brother, now living in France, and through him has found her mother. Her father died some years ago.

Teddy writes faithfully to her mother, describing her home and life here. At one time she asked her mother to come to live with her. "But she is old now and afraid to do this. So I know how she feels and I do not mention this again."

The communists have taken full control of Hungary now, and this would present great difficulty and a long waiting period should Teddy apply to visit her homeland. Even the mail in to Hungary is strictly controlled.

"Always when I wish to send my mother something I must crumble it and make it look old," she says. "If something new is sent, she would

## Texas Firm To Offer Church Computer Service

NASHVILLE (BP) — For the first time in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention, churches are being offered a church records computer service through the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The board has signed a five-year contract with Membership Services, Inc., in Irving, Tex., for a church records service to be known as "Broadman System Seventy."

"Our service lets the computer do the busy work while your secretaries do the people work," Joe Cleveland, president of Membership Service, said.

The service will do records in the areas of membership, finance, prospect location and attendance.

"For example, in recording gifts we can give the amounts given by each age group and in each geographic area of town. This analysis can be a boost to any stewardship campaign," Cleveland pointed out.

Designed by ministers of education in Southern Baptist churches in consultation with experts in data processing, the system will be especially valuable during peak work loads in the church, such as during a Vacation Bible School planning period.

It can aid the church in finding the right persons to teach the right classes in Sunday School, mission organizations or other organizations, Cleveland said.

"It has been pointed out that just making up class membership lists for Sunday School takes up to 90 hours of work in the average church. Our system keeps these lists up to date each week," said Jimmie Sheffield, church consultant for Membership Services.

The service is being used by First Baptist Church, Dallas; Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta; Kathwood Church, Columbia, S. C.; Crestview Baptist Church, Austin, Tex.; Plymouth Park Baptist Church, Irving, Tex., and several other Southern Baptist churches.

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## "Help Wanted" This Summer

## Donate Your Services For A Christian Cause

The "Help Wanted" signs have gone up for Southern Baptists 14 and older who want to donate their services for a Christian cause in an unusual place this spring and summer.

A total of 40 such opportunities are listed in a booklet of mission projects for men, boys and couples, prepared by the Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission Board and being distributed through state Brotherhood departments.

The projects range geographically from a Vacation Bible School in Kiana, Alaska to a manual labor job on the Rio Grande. There's even a construction job in Hawaii.

Projects classifications include evangelistic crusades, work in resort areas, Royal Ambassador activities, surveys, Vacation Bible Schools, weekday ministries, and work projects.

Among the skills needed in the work projects are plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters, roofers, furnace specialists, dry wall specialists, sheet metal specialists, and brick masons.

Publication of the booklet is part of a project by the Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission Board to match up the resources of Southern Baptists with urgent needs where Southern Baptist work is weak.

In most cases, the persons who volunteer to do the work pay their transportation to the work site, but receive room and board while at work.

Persons interested in the project should write their state Brotherhood department for the booklet of projects, then make application through the Brotherhood Commission. The procedure of the Christian Service Corps of the Home Mission Board is being used to process the applications.

## Young Woman - - - Christian Martyr In Brazil

Lourdes Mauricio, a young Brazilian, was baptized into the fellowship of Esperanca Baptist Church in Pedra d'Agua, where her husband, Iracy, was a member. Lourdes had put off being baptized for a long time because of grave opposition from her father.

After being baptized she partook of the Lord's Supper for the first time, with prayer and love to win your parents to Christ."

The young couple mounted their horses and rode toward home, but Lourdes wanted to detour to her parents' house to greet her brother who had been away.

Her father, called by some "the jaguar," had heard the news of her baptism, and he waited beside the road as Lourdes and Iracy approached. He shot twice at his son-in-law and, missing him, turned his weapon on Lourdes, who fell dead from her horse.

(NOTE: This story is adapted from an account of the incident which was written by Rosentino A. de Souza, pastor of Esperanca Baptist Church. It appeared in the June 22, 1969, issue of O Journal Batista, Brazil's Baptist weekly. Mrs. T. B. Stover, Southern Baptist missionary in Rio de Janeiro, furnished the translation.)

The Baptist mission dollar is helping with inner-city ministries to disadvantaged people in more than a hundred large cities across the nation. Missionary Bill Widman led in a Vacation Bible School in the inner-city of Milwaukee which enrolled 198 children and has now grown to a large ministry with a variety of programs and activities designed to meet the needs of the people living in the area. During the summer of 1969 forty-six children were taken to camp, and twenty-four made professions of faith in Christ.

## First, Magee Calls Pastor

Rev. Oliver C. Ladnier has resigned as pastor of North McComb Church effective April 13, to accept the call as pastor of First Church, Magee.

He has served as pastor of North McComb Church for ten years during which time the church has experienced significant growth.

A native of Pascagoula, he is a graduate of Pascagoula High School, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was on the staff of Calvary Church, Jackson, as missions pastor for six years, 1951-57, and was pastor of Carmel Church, Monticello, from 1957-60.

Mr. Ladnier has held numerous positions and offices in state and associational work. He is currently president of the Pike County Baptist Pastors' Conference and State Convention Board member from Pike Association.

Mrs. Ladnier is the former Patsy Janette Dossett of Mobile, Ala. They have two daughters, Linda Kay and Brenda Karen.

## I Am A Reactionary!

In the church bulletin of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, where Dr. Landrum P. Leavell is pastor, we found an article of such interest and so potent that we pass it on to our readers.

"Just for the record—and with out apology—I AM A REACTIONARY! I react to sin and sadism, riots and revolution, gutlessness and Godlessness! I react to Hedonism and humanism; to philosophies and sophistries which seek to destroy those values which made this country great; which fashioned the fabric of civilized mankind. I react to dancing the permissive polka with those who'd whirl me all the way to Hell while whispering that God is dead and the Devil is a myth; to those ministers who'd convert my house of worship into a hootenanny hall or political forum.

"I react to the emasculation of my Faith in the name of humanistic togetherness; to my love for the Holy Bible, my loyalty to the flag and my esteem for the police. I react to being scourged with the lash of collective guilt—as if I personally poured liquor down the alcoholic's throat, peddled the heroin, mugged the little old lady, created the slum and invented The Bomb!

"I react to the glorification of welfareism over work; Pot over pink lemonade; the Pill over purity; demonstration over dedication; desire over discipline, nihilism over nobility; selfishness over sacrifice, hauteur over

humility, 'rights' over right. "I react to the portrayal of my American friends as 'Fascist beasts' and Ho Chi Minh as 'Santa Claus'; to those who consider love as nothing more than sex act; who preach 'peace' to promote surrender. I react to student radicals who are so enamored of their own worth that they must destroy all other worth—who are FOR nothing except their 'right' to be against everything!

"I react to the stupefying sentimentality of amateur do-gooders who, like carved wooden monkeys, see no evil, speak no evil and hear no evil—even when it runs riot with a shotgun, molotov cocktail or plastic bomb; who would re-write Little Red Riding Hood to have her 'rehabilitate' the wolf while screaming 'hate-monger' at the rescuing woodsman!

"You'd better believe I'm a reactionary. In my book, it's time all responsible adults began reacting instead of suffering the insults, inconveniences and intimidations of a noisy minority who would sacrifice their own freedom and ours on the altar of atheistic materialism: If we did, the kooks and creeps would soon crawl back under their rocks and this tired old world would have time to bind its wounds and regain its sense of humor."

This sounds like it might have been written by an over 30, moss-backed conservative member of the "establishment," but it was written by a teenager to the editor of the Nashville Banner. May God give us more such teen-agers.—Bulletin, FBC, Clinton



Foreign Mission Board Observing 125th Anniversary LINWOOD HOLTON (center), governor of Virginia, recently issued a statement commending the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for "contributions to the lives of countless people in every corner of the globe." The board which has headquarters in Richmond, is observing its 125th anniversary in 1970. Samuel A. DeBord (left) and Rogers M. Mmth, representing the board, met with the governor in his office in the state capitol and invited him to the board meeting and appointment of new missionaries, to be held in Richmond in April.—PHOTO by W. Robert Hart)



## Sunday School

### Opportunities For The 70's Sunday School Meetings In April

APRIL 13 — 7:00 to 9:15 — APRIL 14	APRIL 13 — 7:00 to 9:15 — APRIL 14
<b>HOLLY SPRINGS — FIRST</b>	<b>PONTOTOC — FIRST</b>
1. Preschool Conference	—Hazel Rodgers, Nashville
2. Children's Conference	—Pat Gullledge, Grenada
3. Youth Conference	—Mrs. Paul Harrell, Jackson
4. Adult Conference	—Mrs. H. L. Green, Tupelo
5. General Officers' Conference	—Tom Douglas, Jackson
<b>APRIL 13—7:00 to 9:15—APRIL 14</b>	<b>APRIL 13—7:00 to 9:15—APRIL 14</b>
<b>CLEVELAND — FIRST</b>	<b>JACKSON — PARKWAY</b>
1. Preschool Conference	—Mary Royce Eckles, Greenville
2. Children's Conference	—Hazel Morris, Jackson
3. Youth Conference	—Marian Morris, Jackson
4. Adult Conference	—Pudd R. Allen, Jackson
5. General Officers' Conference	—Charles Treadway, Nashville
<b>APRIL 13—7:00 to 9:15—APRIL 14</b>	<b>APRIL 13—7:00 to 9:15—APRIL 14</b>
<b>STARKVILLE — FIRST</b>	<b>NEWTON — FIRST</b>
1. Preschool Conference	—Helen Young, Nashville
2. Children's Conference	—Billy Hudgens, Jackson
3. Youth Conference	—Mrs. Sarah Rushing, Vicksburg
4. Adult Conference	—David McQuibbin, Meridian
5. General Officers' Conference	—James Berthelot, Meridian
<b>APRIL 13—7:00 to 9:15—APRIL 14</b>	<b>APRIL 13—7:00 to 9:15—APRIL 14</b>
<b>McCOMB — FIRST</b>	<b>NATCHEZ — FIRST</b>
1. Preschool Conference	—Mrs. Dennis Conniff, Jr., Jackson
2. Children's Conference	—Thelma Williamson, Jackson
3. Youth Conference	—Myrtle Veach, Nashville
4. Adult Conference	—Mrs. Billy Jack Green, Jackson
5. General Officers' Conference	—Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., Jackson
<b>APRIL 13 — 7:00 to 9:15 — APRIL 14</b>	<b>APRIL 13 — 7:00 to 9:15 — APRIL 14</b>
<b>HATTIESBURG — MAIN STREET</b>	<b>BILOXI — FIRST</b>
1. Preschool Conference	—Carolyn Madison, Jackson
2. Children's Conference	—Mrs. Bryant Cummings, Jackson
3. Youth Conference	—Betty Jo Lacy, Hattiesburg
4. Adult Conference	—Bryant Cummings, Jackson
5. General Officers' Conference	—Chester Vaughn, Nashville

### He Still Wanted Bible - - And Got It!

Two men met on the street a few weeks ago in Eskilstuna, Sweden. "You know, I attended Sunday School in your church for nine years. Then I had to move away. I never did receive the Bible they promised those who came for 10 years," said one. "I still want that Bible. What are my chances of getting it even now?"

"Just come to our Sunday School celebration in a few days," the other answered.

At the Sunday School service, the Bible was presented. The two men who had chatted on the street played the main roles. Carl Einar Hedebäck, pastor of First Baptist Church, gave the Bible to Folke Andersson.

Andersson, Swedish opera performer and music teacher, showed his appreciation by singing a solo. He had attended the Baptist Sunday School during the years 1958-1969. The presentation of the Bible was made more than 65 years later! (EBPS)

## Brotherhood



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### Man And Boy Rally At Moorhead

Rev. Granville Watson is the host pastor, and Rev. Don Redmon is the mission emphasis speaker for the Man and Boy Rally, which will be meeting at Moorhead Baptist Church, April 17.

Other program personnel include Mr. Billy Jack Green, minister of music, Daniel Memorial Church Jackson; Rev. James E. Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mendenhall; and Mr. Don Morie of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee.

Registration for the rally will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed at 5:00 by a general meeting directed by Mr. Green. This part of the program will provide fellowship, fun, and inspiration.

The supper meal will begin at 6:00. Those of you planning to eat, please notify the host church how many people will come from your church. The meal will cost \$1.25 per plate.

## Books On 70'S Changes Surpass Baptist Records

NASHVILLE (BP) — Books related to changes in Southern Baptist churches programs in the 70's are on their way to churches and individuals in record numbers.

Since the first new book was released in May of 1969, a total of 686,084 books and 117,644 teachers' guides have left the warehouse here, according to Herman L. King, director, publishing division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Convention Press has released 28 books and 18 teachers' guides between May, 1969, and February, 1970, related to changes in the Southern Baptist curriculum and planning in the 70's. A Dynamic Church: Spirit and Structure for the 70's tops the order list with 77,110 copies ordered to date. This book deals with basic concepts in building a church program, King said.

Administering the Bible Teaching Program is the second most ordered book with 47,944 copies leaving the

warehouse since its release in July, 1969. This book serves as a program manual for the Sunday School in a Southern Baptist church.

The third most ordered book related to 70's planning is Adult Sunday School Work with 39,617 copies shipped.

"The books related to the 70's have not hit the mass market yet, but already they are selling at a record pace," King said.

"The New Times by Albert McClellan, a Broadman Press book which attempts to describe the conditions of society which churchmen will face in the 70's, has reached total distribution of 25,275 copies. About 15,000 volumes of The New Times was sold through the Broadman Readers Plan, a monthly book selection plan developed by the Sunday School Board.

Broadman Press is the general books publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Revival Dates



Calvary Church, Yazoo City: April 12-19; Rev. Gerald Davidson, pictured at left, First Church, Mansfield, Texas, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, shown above, Yazoo City, singers; Rev. Jerry E. File, pastor; services at 7 a. m. and 7:30 p.m.



Immanuel Church, Tuscan at Cherry, Hattiesburg: April 12-19; regular Sunday services; weekday services at 7 a.m., with snack breakfast, and 7:30 p.m.; Bill Latham, (pictured), associate, Training Union Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, musician; Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor; morning services will be inspirational study for Christians, from the covenant and decalogue (Exodus 9-20); evening services will be evangelistic.



Daniel Memorial, Jackson: April 19-26; services at 7:30 p.m. on weekdays; at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays; Dr. Howard Aultman, pictured, pastor, First, Columbia, evangelist; Dr. Edwin McNeely, Clarke College, Newton, singer; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor.



First Church, Houston: April 19-26; Rev. Harold Halcomb, pastor, evangelist; Elmer Bailey, associate pastor, Bellevue, Memphis, music leader.

### Christian Writers' Guild Is Formed

During last year's Billy Graham School of Christian Writing, at the suggestion of Dr. Sherwood Wirt, editor of Decision Magazine, a Christian Writers' Guild of the Deep South was formed. Groups of writers from other areas of the nation also formed similar guilds, in order to help and encourage each other in their writing.

The Christian Writers' Guild of the Deep South is still in the beginning stages. At the moment the organization is looking for names of persons who are interested in Mississippi and other southern states who are interested in Christian writing.

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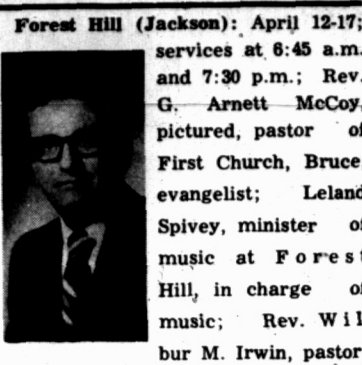
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Forest Hill (Jackson): April 12-17; services at 8:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. G. Arnett McCoy, pictured, pastor of First Church, Bruce, evangelist; Leland Spivey, minister of music at Forest Hill, in charge of music; Rev. Wilbur M. Irwin, pastor.

### Staples Elected Second Time As Arizona Editor

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — James R. Staples, pastor of Royal Palms Baptist Church here for four years, has for the second time been elected editor of the Baptist Beacon, weekly newspaper of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, effective April 1.

Staples served as editor of the Beacon from 1960-62, when he resigned to become executive vice president for Grand Canyon College, Phoenix. He succeeds M. Frank Gillham, editor of the Beacon for the past two years, who resigned to become pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater, Fla. Gillham is a former missionary to Japan.

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### McDowell Road Breaks Ground for Youth Education - Activities Building

The McDowell Road Church, Jackson, broke ground Sunday, March 15, for a youth education - activities building. This building will provide for a full scope of indoor activities for all church age groups. Its main activity feature is the floor area, 56' by 90' for basketball, skating and churchwide banquet and fellowship area. It will also have a full kitchen area, office and equipment space and a full educational department for youth.

This provides for an average attendance to 50-plus in this department area. By using the main floor and portable classroom screens, another department area will provide for 50-plus. This building will, therefore, give the church a full - sized activities building plus providing for more than 100 youths in average attendance in Sunday school.

This building has been called a "miracle building," in that its design,

construction and cost now puts a similar education - activities building in the reach of the average church.

Pictured in the ground-breaking ceremony are the members of the Long - Range Planning Committee, left to right: Bill Gilmore, Jeff Pigford, A. C. Owens, Stan Runnels, George Fortenberry, Jack McInnis, Chairman; and Rev. John C. Hilburn, pastor. (Not pictured, R. P. Williams and Thad Lott).



### Mission '70 Theme Music

GENE BARTLETT, Oklahoma Baptist music secretary and composer of the Mission '70 theme song "Here Is My Life," reviews Broadman Press releases of the conference music. Now available through Baptist Book Stores and general music stores are the Mission '70 Songbook, souvenir album and solo sheet music. In mid-May four choral arrangements, all scored for piano, guitar, bass and drums, from the collection will be available for soprano, alto, tenor and bass.

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## Ridgecrest Student Conference Open To High School Seniors

NASHVILLE — The 1970 Student Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C. is open to high school seniors and high school graduates for the Aug. 27-Sept. 2 session.

"Pre - College Orientation" and "What It's All About" are sessions planned especially for the high school students.

Creative workshops in art, drama, folk music and photography are planned for students now in college. There will also be seminars on current issues, developing a devotional

life and Baptist Student Union leadership.

Speakers for the conference include Bill Lawson, pastor, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; Jon Appleton, state student director, Alabama Baptist Convention; Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, deputy assistant secretary of state for public affairs, Washington, D. C.; Bryant Hicks, associate professor of missions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Jack Noffsinger, pastor, Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston - Salem, N. C.; Bill Self, pastor, Vileuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. and Julian Cave, pastor, First Baptist Church, Athens, Ga.

home inviting and warm. The happy home always renders immeasurable good. (3) They were studious. They found the scripture to be a source of knowledge. They were instructors of the faith.

### Tertius the Writer

The letter itself (Rom. 16:22) mentions the fact that Paul employed an Ammonite to write this letter. The name Tertius means third. It seemed that this man was satisfied to be the third man or fourth, just so he was serving the Lord. It takes a sense of humility to serve Christ in some humble capacity. There was pride that can be seen in the letter.

This one represents the subordinate position in the service of the Lord. Many people must take the second chair but there must be harmony between the two, the first and the second. Inspiration comes in doing something for the Lord.

This list of names includes many women that have been in the service for Christ. Paul held high regard for women. Rufus' mother deserved the attention of the church at Rome. The love of a mother overcomes many difficulties. These women had been the backbone of the church for many years.

The fellowship of service is the context of "in the Lord." When there is common allegiance and dedication, there will be fellowship of suffering and service. When people are established "in the Lord," the problems can be handled with the least of criticism. The gospel can be preached by all who love the Lord. The more they love the Lord the greater their love will be for one another.

The best includes many whose service position is not mentioned, but the

Of the 8 1/2 million Americans injured in home accidents each year, 27 per cent have been drinking, claims a recent survey on the subject made by the Medical Foundation in Boston.

Lord knows, and that is what counts. There are other cities and churches that are never mentioned, but the Lord knows who they are. The church at Rome was made up of people who had come from many different places. But they accepted one another as persons of great worth to the Lord. It is not so important who you are, but to whom you belong.

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## THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON — LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM — The Early Church's Life And Witness Fellowship In Service

By Clifton J. Allen

Acts 2:43 to 6:7

The church in Jerusalem, in its life and witness, is explained by the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost. As a result, there was faithful witnessing to the truth about Christ, eager concern to know the deeper meanings of the gospel, joy and unity in worship, and sharing with one another in need. There was rapid growth, relatively, but problems arose from within and from without as the church discovered more and more about its nature and mission.

### The Lesson Explained

The Fellowship of Faith  
Verses 2:43-47

The believers were possessed by joy, expectancy, generosity, and zeal. The people generally saw the clear signs of God's working through the apostles doing "wonders and signs," doubtless acts of healing. This served to validate the truth of the gospel and of the reality of the living Lord. Some who had property sold their possessions in order to contribute to the physical needs of some of their number. This was completely voluntary. The Christians, for the time being, maintained the regular practices of Jewish worship. In addition to their worship, they met in homes of Christians for hospitality and fellowship and the sharing of food. Their sincerity and brightness and joy convinced them to the populace generally. God was adding day by day to the church persons who were being saved. Worship and evangelism and fellowship were united in blessing and in power.

### Boldness in Witnessing

Verses 4:13-22

The healing by Peter and John of the lame beggar at the Temple gate proved that Christ was indeed alive in their midst and working through them. The preaching of the resurrection caused consternation to the priests, largely Sadducees, who rejected the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead. They caused Peter and John to be put in prison overnight and called them before the Sanhedrin the day following for a hearing.

The boldness of Peter and John was obvious. They were uneducated, in a formal sense, but they had a message and spirit which proved their relationship with Jesus. The leaders of the Sanhedrin could not deny the beggar's healing, which was evidence of the power of God operating through the apostles — in reality, evidence that Jesus was alive in them. This notable sign was known throughout Jerusalem. Peter and John could not be intimidated. Though warned not to speak anymore in Jesus' name, they openly declared, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and

### heard."

The Growing Community

The oneness which marked the community of believers led to a continuing sharing of physical goods for the relief of the poor. They even sold lands and houses and brought the proceeds to the apostles for distribution to those in need. This sharing of property did not become a fixed practice. It was temporary. Barnabas is named as an example of unusual generosity. Luke tells us of the tragic effort of Ananias and Sapphira to appear more generous than they really were, the result of which was a visitation of divine judgment in death. Luke tells further of a new outbreak of persecution. The apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for the name of Christ, and they continued daily in the Temple and at home to teach and preach Jesus-Christ. The number of disciples continued to increase to the extent that many priests became obedient to the faith and thus a part of the growing church.

### Truths to Live By

Silence is impossible for Spirit-filled Christians. — They are empowered by the Spirit to witness. They naturally feel burning concern to make known the truth about Christ for this indeed is the message of life. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The church is meant to be a sharing fellowship. — Faith in Jesus Christ breaks down barriers, overcomes differences, and creates a fellowship in the love of Christ. No member should suffer without assurance of love and support from other members. No member should be hungry when others have abundance. No one should be lonely in rejection of weakness or tragedy without others standing by to give reinforcement and consolation. The church, as a fellowship in Christian love, has something the world does not have, which the world does not understand. But it is something which convinces the world of the reality of the love of Christ and his power to save from the loneliness and emptiness and weakness of sin.

By Bill Duncan

Romans 16

As one looks at the local church, he needs to remember that there is a legitimate place for honor and recognition in the church. This lesson points out how the young church commended fellow Christians to each other.



It is a shame how we always downgrade persons instead of commending them. It is interesting to see how the inspired writing was dispatched to a group of believers. In some way we can see the courtesy and the gratitude extended to fellow Christians that are in the service for the master. Many of these people's names are only mentioned here. We do not know a lot about them except what is mentioned here. It is assuring that the Lord's people are remembered.

Someone has called these Christians "Fragrant Christians." We all recoil from people who are abusive and depressing. These are found in the church but we can be thankful that they are in the minority. The majority are fragrant Christians and are to be commended.

### The Letter Bearer — Phoebe

Phoebe was planning a trip to Rome and Paul entrusted her with the mission of delivering the letter. These short statements, Paul introduces her to the church at Rome and to us also. The name Phoebe means "Bright." This speaks of one who is a radiant Christian in the midst of the dark perils of sin and spiritual ignorance. Paul spoke of her as, "Phoebe our sister." She was a sister in Christ and acted like a sister in a loving family. As a sister, she promoted warm loving fellowship. Phoebe was also a servant, which means she was a bearer of the valuable letter. Phoebe was also commended as "a succorer of many." A succorer was one which stood by in the case

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## Devotional

## Marching To The Tune Of A Different Drummer

Joshua 14:6-12

By Robert E. Self, Pastor, Edon Church, Stringer

History has always known men who have dared to be different. In the Bible, there are stories of men who heard the voice of God as He spoke to them in their particular situation and who, when they had heard, gave themselves over to a new way of life. Their response would not let them walk according to the ways of the world.



Caleb was such a man. When the Children of Israel were camped in the wilderness of Paran, Moses sent twelve spies to search out the land of Canaan and to then report back to him and to the people. Caleb was one of those chosen to perform this task. Upon the completion of their mission, ten of the spies recommended that they not try to enter because of the number and size of the people who lived there.

Joshua and Caleb, however, brought a minority report that urged the people forward because of the promise of God to be with them and to fight for them. The Children of Israel accepted the report of the majority and decided not to try to enter the land. As a result of their unwillingness to follow God fully, they were forced to wander in the wilderness for years while many died. In this effort, Caleb dared to be different. When the people rejected his plea, he persisted in his efforts. In later years, he found some comfort in the fact that he had followed the will of God for his life. Hear his words as he speaks of that incident, "I wholly followed the Lord my God."

The world of the seventies is in no better mood to accept another minority report than was the world in the day of Caleb. Ours is a world of revolution and change. Social concepts are no sooner learned than they are replaced. Moral values are in such a state of flux that the church is having a problem relating Biblical truths in a way that people will see them as relevant to man's needs and accept them as a way of life. Political propagandists of every flavor are grappling for the minds of young and old alike. The population explosion is accompanied by an overgrowth of evil throughout the world.

In this situation, if the Christian is to maintain any significant degree of integrity in his life, he must be a man of conviction; convictions that compel him to walk in a different way. He cannot, however, be a man of just any convictions! We can readily see that not all convictions are equally right or of equal value.

How then, does one come to convictions that are both true and compelling in their demands upon one's life? True and lasting convictions are available to man through a personal relationship to Jesus Christ that leads to faithful study of the Bible. As one does this, the Holy Spirit leads and the convictions that we gain in any area of life will be of the greatest value. Today as never before, the world needs to see men who will march to the tune of a different Drummer.

## BBI To Hand Out Diplomas To 7,613 Pounds Of Graduates

GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA—The Baptist Bible Institute dean expects to hand out diplomas to 7,613 pounds of graduates, May 12, if all 42 candidates manage to pass, and if none will gain or lose weight before then. Dean Walter D. Draughon, Jr., released this fascinating bit of information, after checking figures on their cap and gown orders. Each has to give height and weight, so as to get a good fit.

None of the graduates expects to weigh 300 pounds, although there is one who will have to watch his diet. Four pounds would put him over.

## MC Enrolment Jumps To 2766

Enrollment at Mississippi College has jumped to 2,766 students for the regular nine-month session, making the eighth consecutive year for an increase, according to Registrar Troy

Figures released for the first two semesters of the 1969-70 school year showed an increase of 73 students over the 2,693 recorded during the similar period for the previous year. This sets a new all-time record for the college.

Over the eight year span enrollment has skyrocketed from 1,895 students for the nine-month session in 1961-62 to the 2,766 for this year. This is a gain of 871 students or an average of 108 per year.

In breaking down the 1969-70 figures of 2,766, Mohon said that 1,517 were male and 1,249 were female.

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## Gulf Coast Pastor Resigns

Rev. John W. Wade, Sr. has resigned as pastor of the Pass Road Church, Gulfport, after more than thirteen years of service.

During his thirteen-year pastorate at Pass Road much growth has been added by the Lord, especially in the areas of evangelism, stewardship and building improvement. Of the 1,600 new members to the church, 711 were by conversion and baptism, with 889 by letter or statement.



In the area of monetary stewardship, the church budget receipts have grown from \$5,000 plus to \$32,000 plus during these years. Property value has increased from approximately \$25,000 to \$150,000. The total church indebtedness is now less than \$35,000. The church has continually been in the top 25 in the State Convention in conversions and baptisms.

In revivals led by Mr. Wade, there have been more than 300 conversions and baptisms, plus many other decisions made.

Twelve men have answered the call to the ministry, five having been ordained and now serving in the active ministry. One licensed minister is now a student at Mississippi College and one is a senior at Gulfport High.

Under the leadership of Mr. Wade a two-story educational building and a one-story educational - recreational building have been constructed and the auditorium has been completely renovated. All the buildings have been centrally air-conditioned and heated, with all new church furniture - offices included - having been purchased. A parcel of land 100' wide by 360' deep has been acquired for the purpose of future growth of the church.

When Mr. Wade was called as pastor of Pass Road there were 45 members; today there are more than 450 resident members.

Mr. Wade has served only one other pastorate, Lakeshore Church, Hancock County, where a congregation of less than 25 grew to a total of more than



## Blue Mountain Chooses New Editors

Students of Blue Mountain College have elected these young women to the editorship of the three campus publications for the 1970-71 session. Left to right: Mary Smith of Jackson, editor of the "B. M. SEER," college newspaper; Tereasa Costner of Banner, and Barbara Weatherly of Byhalia, co-editors of the MOUNTAINEER, college yearbook; and Sarah Stacks of Sandwich, Ill., editor of THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE, student literary journal of creative works.



## Goodyear, Picayune, To Build Auditorium

Goodyear Church, Picayune, held ground breaking on February 22 for a new auditorium, to have a seating capacity of 900. It will be of Southern Traditional architecture. At the rear will be eight Sunday school classrooms, four restrooms, a music suite including rehearsal room, two robing rooms, two organ chambers, music library, and sound proof instruction room. Sims Construction Company of Picayune is the contractor.

The building is expected to be ready for occupancy October 1. In the picture are Building Committee members, from left: Joe Salter, Richard Smith, D. L. Gill, Dewey Blades, Hilbert Miller, Ezelle Lee, Frank Dawsey (with shovel), Norman Sims, contractor, Ford Broome, Aaron Rus-

sell, Pastor A. F. Grice, Gene Roberts, and Rick Van Egmond, minister of music. Goodyear has experienced phenomenal growth with records being broken each Sunday. Sunday, March 15, a record attendance in Sunday School of 363 was reached.

## Hardin-Simmons Band In Macy's Parade

ABILENE, Tex. (BP) — The Cowboy Band and six white horses unit of Hardin-Simmons University here has accepted an invitation to perform in Macy's annual Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

The department store's parade will be staged on Nov. 26 and will be telecast by the National Broadcasting Co.

## Son Of Missionaries Killed In Houston

Thomas S. Green Jr., 23, son of Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, died March 26 in Houston, Tex. An elevator company employee, he was the victim of an accident on the job.

Funeral services, to take place at tentatively scheduled for March 30, pending the arrival of his parents from Argentina.

Green, born in Houston, grew up in Texas and Louisiana, completing high school in Paraguay after his parents were appointed missionaries.

He attended Houston Baptist College and was graduated from the University of Houston last year.

He was married 18 months ago to Miss Deadrina Arnold of Houston. He would have turned 24 and entered military service in May.

Besides his widow and his parents, he is survived by a brother, David A. Green of Houston; a brother and sister, Jon Dale and Annette, who live with their parents in Argentina; and grandparents, Mrs. Nellie May Green of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil M. Newell of Hearne, Tex.

His parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Green Sr., may be addressed temporarily at 608 E. 25th St., Houston, Tex., and later at Dorrego 145, Tandil, Buenos Aires, Argentina, where they were recently transferred.

A storm of protest was expressed on April 28, 1962, when a New York City newspaper waged a campaign against high beef prices: 24c a pound for sirloin!

86 resident members during a period of less than two years.

Mr. Wade has lived on the Gulf Coast for nearly forty years and is an honor graduate of Gulfport High School Class of 1942 and was an active participant in the athletic activities of the school. A graduate of a business college (now defunct), he attended the University of Mississippi before answering the call to the ministry.

Giving to missions has grown during these years, from \$236.00 annually to foreign missions, to \$2,179 to the Cooperative Program. Also, the church has had a Standard Vacation Bible School for seven years.

Mr. Wade is now serving as Moderator of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association, Inc. and is president of the Baptist Pastors' Conference.

His future plans are indefinite. On Sunday, April 5, he terminated his pastorate at Pass Road Church, 208 Pass Road, Gulfport.

## Southern Seminary To Hold Updating Program This Summer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here will expand the popular Updating Program for alumni wishing to exchange the Bachelor of Divinity for the Master of Divinity degree this summer.

The program will be held June 30 through July 24, 1970.

"Those who have participated either in 1968 or 1969 may complete requirements in 1970," Dean of the School of Theology William E. Hull said. "Those who have not participated heretofore may begin in 1970 and complete requirements in a subsequent year."

Updating requirements for Southern Seminary graduates who graduated before September 1964 are different from those who received their B.D. degree after June 1964, Hull said.

Graduates wishing to enroll for the upcoming program are requested to submit application by June 15, 1970.

Special costs for the Updating Program, aside from housing and books total \$27.00, which includes a \$25.00 matriculation fee, a \$1.00 insurance fee, and \$1.00 for post office box rental.

For further information, Hull requests that prospective updating students write him at the seminary address: 2825 Lexington Road; Louisville, Ky.

To date, 159 graduates have completed the updating program.

## Off The Record

A newspaperman interviewed a noted scientist who had been assigned to the Atomic Energy Commission. He noticed that the great scientist had a rabbit's foot on his keychain.

"You don't mean to tell me," the newspaper man like you believes in that old superstition?"

"Certainly not," said the scientist, "but a friend of mine tells me it's supposed to bring you luck whether you believe it or not."

"Why so unhappy?"  
"Just finished writing."  
"Book have a sad ending?"  
"Yeah. The last check I wrote cleaned me out."

NOTHING so much needs reforming as other people's habits.  
—Mark Twain

### Successful Sales Pitch

The wife watched the youthful singing group on the TV variety show in silence. When the group had finished she said to her husband, "They say those boys alone have sold thousands of TV sets."

"Humph," the husband said, "I can believe it. After seeing and hearing them, I feel like selling ours too."

Nothing makes a woman feel older than meeting a bald-headed man who was two grades back of her in school.

## Names In The News

Dean Walter D. Draughon, Jr., of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., will conduct an eight-week "Research in Church Development"

summer in the Mt. Baker Baptist Association, Washington. This will be done at the request of the Home Mission Board. The study begins June 5, and will end August 2, 1970. Dr. Draughon will work with the Rev. Gilbert O. Skaar of Shelton, Washington (near Seattle), a regional missionary for the Home Mission Board.

Coleman Chong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Chong of Itta Bena, Mississippi, was recently elected men's representative for the Seminary Student Association of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, California. Chong, a first year master of divinity student, holds the B. A. degree from Mississippi State University at Starkville, Mississippi. He served two years as a Missionary Journeyman under appointment by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

Rev. Paul Wilson, former pastor of Yale Street Church in Cleveland, was one of five pastors invited by the Home Mission Board to make an evangelistic tour of the mission fields in the Virgin Islands during the month of February. He was assigned to the Bethel and Bovoni Baptist Churches in Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas Island for one week. There were 28 professions of faith, 16 youth that surrendered their lives to full time Christian service, and scores of other decisions for Christ. Mr. Wilson is now the pastor of First Church, Opa-Locka, Florida, a suburb of Miami.

became pastor of the 3,000-member church in 1959, succeeding the late C. Oscar Johnson. He came to St. Louis from Abilene, Tex., where he was pastor of University Baptist Church.

### Summer In Bahamas

Fort Worth, Texas — Six students of Southwestern Seminary will spend an all-expenses-paid summer in the Bahamas Islands. Jim McPherson, theology student from Huntington Beach, Cal., and his wife Sharon; Dean Finch, theology student from Fort Worth, Texas, and his wife Sue; Mary Ruth Lumpkin, religious education student from Jackson, Miss.; and Carolyn Harrison, religious education student from Purcell, Okla.; have been selected as the Bahama Team of the seminary's Emerging Missions project.

Home accidents occur most frequently in the drinking hours between 5 p.m. and midnight.

## Price Resigns St. Louis Church

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Sterling L. Price minister of Third Baptist Church here, has resigned effective April 1 to seek a new career in business, probably in the field of public relations.

A widely-known minister, Price



## Nigerian HMB Cares For Orphaned Children

CARING FOR ORPHANED and outcast children is a ministry of the Nigerian Baptist Home Mission Board. One who cares is Garia, seen here with the eight children she mothers. Garia lives in a one-room hut with thatched roof and mud walls under a great mango tree. Unable to read or write, she cannot help the children with their lessons, but she feeds and cares for them. The older girl, Dado, has finished elementary school

at Okuta and will go to the Baptist high school at Shaki. The other children are John, Sabi, Jacob, Paul (in Garia's lap), Bake, Ebo and Bosede. Since their house is just behind the local Baptist church, the "family" can attend all its services, and activities. Miss Helen Masters, missionary in Okuta, sent this photo to the Foreign Mission Board.